

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 216851

12  
ORIGIN NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-07 INR-07 /025 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/ARP:FMDICKMAN:CEJ  
APPROVED BY NEA:SSOBER  
EB/TT:JO'NEILL  
NEA/RA:DMORRISON

----- 073592

R 011801Z SEP 76  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 216851

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETEL, US, SA

SUBJECT: APPROACH TO SAG ON REMOVAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
FROM BOYCOTT  
REF: JIDDA 5912

1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION IN REFTEL THAT  
THERE SHOULD BE ONLY ONE CHANNEL IN OUR APPROACHES TO THE  
SAUDIS TO KEEP TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUT OF BOYCOTT AREA.  
WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE THROUGH EMBASSY JIDDA AND WE WILL  
SHORTLY BE SENDING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AMBASSADOR. WE  
WILL HOLD OFF ANY CONTACTS WITH THE ARAB TELECOMMUNICATION  
UNION AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION UNTIL  
AFTER THE EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED MATTER WITH SAG, HOPEFULLY  
BY MID-SEPTEMBER.

2. RCA HAS, IN MEANTIME, APPROACHED DEPT TO ASK OUR ADVICE  
WHETHER IT WOULD SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE FOR THE COMPANY  
TO APPROACH THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY IN GETTING OFF  
THE BOYCOTT. BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL SENSITIVITY OF  
BOYCOTT ISSUES, WE WILL LEAVE IT TO RCA TO DECIDE  
ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IN TALKING TO RCA TO  
HAVE EMBASSY'S POINT OF VIEW WHETHER A PARALLEL APPROACH  
BY RCA WOULD SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE. ROBINSON

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 216851

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** INSTRUCTIONS, TELECOMMUNICATION, BOYCOTTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 01 SEP 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** coburnhl  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976STATE216851  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** FMDICKMAN:CEJ  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760332-1117  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t197609100/aaaadifa.tel  
**Line Count:** 60  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 76 JIDDA 5912  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** coburnhl  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 22 JUN 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <22 JUN 2004 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <04 NOV 2004 by coburnhl>  
**Review Markings:**  

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** APPROACH TO SAG ON REMOVAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FROM BOYCOTT  
**TAGS:** ETEL, US, SA, XF  
**To:** JIDDA  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006